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CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

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Dear Neighbors,

The summer is quickly coming to a close! Students are back in school and people are getting ready for a fall full of fun. In Bay View that includes the always popular “Bay View Bash” coming up later this month. At the County Board we are getting ready for a very busy time of year. The biggest item on our agenda is the 2014 County Budget. As always I welcome and appreciate your feedback as we go through this process. And I am very happy to announce the historic War Memorial/Art Museum deal, that will help both institutions and our community, is moving forward. It’s an exciting time to be in Milwaukee County!

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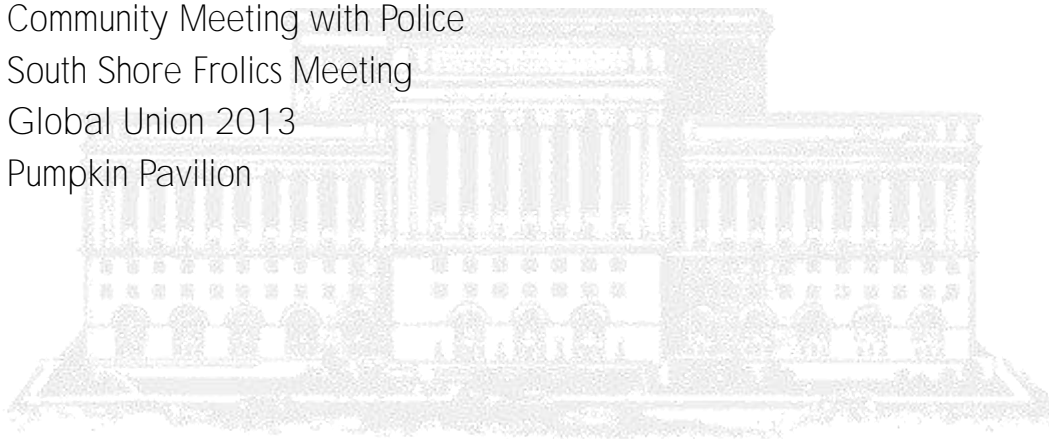
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Milwaukee County News Updates

Historic War Memorial/Art Museum Deal Moves Forward

A monumental funding deal reached between the War Memorial Center and Milwaukee Art Museum is now a done deal. The Milwaukee County Board approved that deal with an 18-0 vote on July 25. On August 30 County Executive Chris Abele took the final step by returning the agreement to the Board unsigned.

Please join me as we celebrate the signing of the historic agreement. There will be a ceremony on Tuesday, September 18, at 8:00 am. It will take place in Memorial Hall at the War Memorial Center.

This deal will provide much-needed funding for these Milwaukee County icons. The plan calls for repairs to the War Memorial Center along with increasing services for our Veterans. The funding will help the Art Museum protect its priceless collection and will kick-start a \$15 million private fundraising plan.

Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic reached out to the County Executive to thank him for allowing this compromise to move forward. The Chairwoman recently met with the Executive to personally ask him to sign the agreement.

“The County Executive said he would veto the compromise, but I am glad he changed his mind,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. The Board unanimously supported this plan because it is the right thing to do for Veterans and the arts community. It ensures the integrity of both institutions and guarantees Milwaukee County residents will be able to enjoy these two treasures for generations to come.”

The Board brought in former State Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske to help bring the two sides together. This deal is the result of 18 months of hard work and negotiations between the two publically-owned institutions.

In this compromise the War Memorial Center/Milwaukee Art Museum will receive \$1,586,000 per year from the County from 2014 through 2023. This includes an investment of \$1,100,000 to the Art Museum and \$486,000 to the War Memorial.

“This plan will not only help the War Memorial and the Art Museum, but it honors those who paid the ultimate price in service to our country,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said.

Instead of prolonging the process with a veto, the County Executive returned the agreement unsigned so the plan goes into place immediately.

“I hope this is a step toward the County Executive working together with the Board as the public has asked us to do,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. “That amity will be especially important as we work to adopt the County’s budget for next year.”

The Chairwoman, along with Supervisors Gerry Broderick and John Weishan, met with the Editorial Board of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel about this historic deal. The Editorial Board encouraged County Executive Abele not to veto the deal. You can read the Journal Sentinel story by clicking on this [link](#).



[“Milwaukee County War Memorial”](#) & [“Welcome Aboard”](#) (left & respectively) photos courtesy of [Andre Simms](#)

Milwaukee County News Updates

Milwaukee County 2014 Budget Calendar

April 2013

Preliminary Preparation:
Direction to County
Departments on preparation of
the subsequent year budget.

Early June 2013

Departments submit new
position requests.

Mid-June 2013

Departments submit capital budget
requests.
Departments submit operating
budget requests.

July & August 2013

Department of Administrative
Services and County Executive
review of department budget
requests.

August 2013

Department of Administration
submits summary of budget
requests to the County Board

September 26, 2013

County Executive presents the
Recommended Budget to the County
Board. The Budget is then referred
to the Finance, Personnel and Audit
Committee for review

October 2013

Finance and Audit Committee reviews the Recommended Budget in
public budget hearings scheduled throughout the month. Check [here](#) for
details on which departments are reviewed on which days.

November 4, 2013

County Board public hearing on the
budget.

November 12, 2013

County Board Annual Meeting and the adoption of the budget and tax
levy. During this meeting, the County Board acts on the Amendments by
the Finance and Audit Committee as well as amendments submitted by
individual Supervisors.

November 21, 2013

Consideration of County Executive
budget vetoes and final adoption of
property tax levy.

January 1, 2014

County Executive and departments begin utilizing budget to provide
public services.



Milwaukee County News Updates

Work To Be Done on the Hoan Bridge

September will be the beginning of work on replacing the Hoan Bridge deck. The Coalition to Save the Hoan worked hard to save the bridge. Remember, nothing good comes without effort. Drivers will need to make that effort starting soon as we face lane closures and actual bridge (one side at a time) closures. Please be patient and appreciate the fact that you will get a new road and a Hoan Bridge for 50 years to come. For more information on the Hoan build-out, follow this [link](#). The low bid on the re-build of the Hoan came from Walsh Construction Co. of Illinois which submitted a bid of \$172.2 million. When the coalition was fighting to save the Hoan, critics were complaining the costs

would be between \$250 million and \$500 million. Also, the 794 Extension Committee recommended that the speed limit on 794 be increased. This was presented to the Department Of Transportation. The committee was unsure if the DOT was going to wait until the extension for 794 was built or if the increase would be sooner. The good news: DOT chose not to wait and increased the speed in August. Please drive carefully. Also remember this is a Parkway, not a freeway. 50 does not translate to 60. Be courteous when you drive and observe the laws. Thank you for your patience and attention to construction slow-downs.



[“Tree”](#) courtesy of [Andre Simms](#)

Milwaukee County News Updates

MPM Solar Panels

Contractors are working on a project to install solar panels to replace the marble exterior on the Milwaukee Public **Museum's eight-story tower** facing Wells Street.

When complete early next year it will be the only full solar wall in the city of Milwaukee. The museum's current marble wall panels are deteriorating. Milwaukee County, which owns the building, considered options including facade panels appearing similar to the existing marble, and glass, before opting for the solar panels.

The 234 panels will generate 77,533 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, enough to power 442 60-watt light bulbs eight hours a day for a full year. Helios USA, based in Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley, will manufacture the solar panels.

It will take about four weeks to remove the current marble panels. During that time, the museum's Puelicher Butterfly Vivarium and Bugs Alive! will be closed.



Bay View Beach Cleanup



Join the Bay View Neighborhood Association as they clean up the beach at Bay View Park. This month's cleanup is Thursday September 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All you need to do is show up and be ready to pick up some trash. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided.

The stairway to the beach is located on Lake Drive just south of Oklahoma Avenue. Look for the brown Bay View Park sign (like the one above) and one of the Bay View Neighborhood Association volunteers will be nearby to get you going.

This is the last cleanup of the year, so please stop by to help make sure our slice of Lake Michigan shoreline is beautiful. And speaking of a slice, after the cleanup volunteers will head over to Classic Slice for pizza!

Milwaukee County News Updates

Renew Your Golf Pass

The Milwaukee County Golf pass is now renewable online. Renew yours today by clicking [here](#)

Oak Leaf Discovery Tour

Join The Park People as they launch the second annual Oak Leaf Discovery Tour Passport event. This event goes on all summer long and starts with your purchase of the Oak Leaf Discovery Tour Passport.

This pocket-sized book has pictures and information about 24 county parks locations along or near the 115 mile Oak Leaf Trail. When you visit these destinations, you collect **special "stamps" or "keywords" in your passport. Collect at least eight unique stamps or a combination of five stamps and three keywords, register your passport, and be eligible to win prizes at the end of summer.**

For more information click [here](#).

Frolics Meeting

Join your neighbors as we have a community discussion about the South Shore Frolics.

September 25, 2013 6-8 pm
South Shore Park Pavilion
2900 S. Shore Drive

Bay View Gallery Night

More than 40 local business and 100 local artists will participate in what will be the largest Bay View Gallery Night event ever!

September 27, 2013 5-10 pm

For more information go to: bayviewgallerynight.com

County Board Intern Program

Through our affiliation with Marquette University, the County Board has welcomed some fine interns this past year. For the fall semester we would like to welcome our new intern, Krista Dieckgraeff. We see these internships as an opportunity to develop the future leaders of Milwaukee County, which is why we have decided to implement our own internship program here at the Board. We look forward to reaching out to various Colleges and Universities throughout the county in search of candidates. One of our previous interns, Ena Kovacevic, will continue on as our Intern Coordinator. She will begin recruiting this fall for the spring and summer semesters. As we begin our search please feel free to contact Ena Kovacevic at 414-278-4994 or ena.kovacevic@milwcnty.com with any questions regarding the specifics of the program.



Above: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic with Krista Dieckgraeff (left) and Ena Kovacevic



Marina in our Community

Silver City International Food and Art Walk



Above: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic with Milwaukee Mayor Barrett, State Rep. Zepnick and teenagers from Milwaukee Artworks celebrating a mural done by teenage artists near Three Bridges Park



Above: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic at a ribbon cutting celebrating the new band shelter at Arlington Heights. She is joined by Mayor Barrett, State Rep. Zepnick and Layton Blvd. West Neighbors



Save the Date

Bay View Bash

Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Jason Haas invite neighbors and all of Milwaukee County to join them at this year's 10th Annual Bay View Bash from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, on Bay View's bustling Kinnickinnic Avenue between Potter and Clement Avenues.

The two represent parts of the Bay View area. They will have a booth at the event to talk with constituents, to answer questions about Milwaukee County government and to provide informational materials.

"The Bay View Bash has become a favorite, annual outing for my family," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. "As a proud Bay View resident concerned about our environment, I'm especially impressed that once again festival organizers

are aiming to make the Bash a near-zero waste event."

The Bash will provide all participating food vendors with free compostable container options and will work with The Farm's Compost of Caledonia to ensure the Bay View Bash achieves its zero-waste goal. All compost generated from the Bay View Bash will be gifted back to community gardens or Milwaukee neighborhoods in need of free quality compost.

"We're proud to represent Bay View, and this event is a celebration of its charm and its uniqueness as one of the city's most diverse neighborhoods," Haas said. "We will be there not only to celebrate, but to meet with our neighbors to talk about issues that affect this special neighborhood and the County."

For more information, please visit bayviewbash.org



Above: Pictures from 2012 Bay View Bash



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BAY VIEW
Bash!

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC FOOD AND ART

SEPTEMBER 21ST

{ ON KK BETWEEN CLEMENT & POTTER }

sponsored by:



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Save the Date

Reunión de la comunidad con la Policía

para platicar en español sobre los temas de seguridad y el bienestar de nuestras familias

jueves, 12 de septiembre, 7pm-8:30pm

La Escuela de San Adalberto. 1913 W. Becher

Conozca al Capitán del Distrito Dos, Alfonso Morales

- **¿Que podemos hacer para reducir la violencia en nuestra comunidad?**

- **¿Que podemos hacer para proteger a nuestras familias?**

- **¿Como podemos obtener un mejor servicio de parte de la Policía?**

¡No se quede en casa, venga y participe! Sea parte de las voces que buscan un cambio real con la policía y con los vecinos. Llame a SOC al 672-8090 ¡Para reservar su asiento!

Declaración del SOC con respecto al Frente de Violencia y las prioridades del Presupuesto de la Ciudad

La reciente oleada de tiroteos y la violencia en el Near South Side y otras partes de la ciudad no son el resultado de la falta de financiación del Departamento de Policía de Milwaukee (MPD por sus siglas en ingles), ni son el resultado de un cambio repentino de mal servicio que suministra MPD a nuestros vecindarios. La tendencia a largo plazo que hemos visto en SOC es un MPD más inteligente, más eficiente y más amigable con la comunidad, ayudando a producir una reducción general de la delincuencia. El reciente aumento de la violencia se debe a las personas que viven entre nosotros que se comportan mal y hacen malas decisiones.

En el futuro, creemos que el MPD puede ser aún más inteligente, más eficiente, y más amigable con la comunidad. Al mismo tiempo, reconocemos que la comunidad puede ser, y debe ser, aún más útil a la policía presentandose a intercambiar información e inteligencia. Le damos al MPD el beneficio de la duda en nuestros barrios, ya que se han ganado nuestra confianza. Mantenemos nuestro compromiso de trabajar con ellos como una organización comunitaria de base independiente. Nos complace reconocer que casi la mitad de la población del Near South Side del Distrito Dos de la Policía tiene como primer idioma el español, y por lo tanto han organizado la traducción al español de todas las reuniones con la comunidad. Dado que una importante parte de nuestras víctimas y testigos de delitos son indocumentados, enfrentan la barrera del idioma, y - al igual que en otros barrios - temen represalias, tenemos el placer de patrocinar esta reunión en el idioma español (con traducción al Inglés) el Jueves, 12 de Septiembre en la Escuela San Adalberto.

Community Meeting with Police

for a discussion in Spanish about community safety and the well-being of our families

Thursday, September 12th, 7pm-8:30pm

St. Adalbert School, 1913 W Becher

Meet MPD District Two Captain Alfonso Morales

- **What can we do to reduce violence in our community?**

- **What can we do to protect our families?**

- **How can we get the best service from our Police?**

Don't stay in, come out and participate! Be part of the voices looking for a real change with police and with neighbors. Call SOC, 672-8090 to reserve your seat.

Statement from SOC regarding Violence Outbreak and City Budget Priorities

The recent spate of shootings and violence on the Near South Side and other parts of the city are not a result of under-funding the Milwaukee Police Department nor are they a result of a sudden shift to poorer service being provided by MPD to our neighborhoods. The long-term, 20-year trend that we have seen at SOC is a smarter, more efficient, and more community-friendly MPD which has helped to produce an overall reduction in crime. The recent surge in violence is due to the individuals living among us who behave badly and make bad decisions.

Going forward, we believe MPD can be even smarter, more efficient, and more community friendly. At the same time we recognize that the community can be, and must be, even more helpful to the police by coming forward and sharing information and intelligence. We give the MPD the benefit of the doubt in our neighborhoods because they have earned our trust. We remain committed to working with them as an independent grassroots community organization. We are pleased that they recognize that nearly half the population of Near South Side Police District Two has a first language of Spanish, and consequently have arranged for translation at all of their community meetings. Given that a substantial portion of our crime victims and crime witnesses are undocumented, face a language barrier, and--like in other neighborhoods-- fear retaliation, we are pleased to sponsor this meeting in the Spanish language (with translation to English) on Thursday, September 12 at St. Adlbert School.



Save the Date

Global Union 2013

In only eight short years,
Global Union has become

**Milwaukee's go-to big-
beautiful-dance-party-slash-farewell-to-summer.**



It helps that it's in one of the city's best parks, it's FREE (as always), and it's ONE DAY ONLY. That means you should mark your calendar now. Global Union 2013 features bands from Pakistan, Argentina, Haiti, Quebec and Algeria, with some surprise guests from our own hometown. Throw in the great international food and crafts, **Milwaukee's great community organizations, your family, your friends, and YOU, and there's no better way to say farewell to summer.**

This year, we pair ecstatic devotional Muslim music from Qawal Najmuddin Saifuddin & Brothers (top) with **devotional Christian music with Milwaukee's own Masonic Wonders** (second from top). Tal National (second from bottom) from Niger and the international Hip Hop collective Nomadic Massive (bottom) will round out the Festival.

Saturday, September 21, 2013
12-6 pm
Humboldt Park



Save the Date

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SAVE THE DATE!

PUMPKIN PAVILION

Join your your neighbors in viewing hundreds of jack-o-lanterns illuminated in the crisp fall night!

FRIDAY, OCT 18 & SATURDAY, OCT 19 6-10pm

Grand lighting of the pumpkins at 7pm on Friday

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Will you lend a hand?

Volunteers/sponsors contact us at
bayviewneighborhood@gmail.com or
www.facebook.com/BayViewNeighborhood